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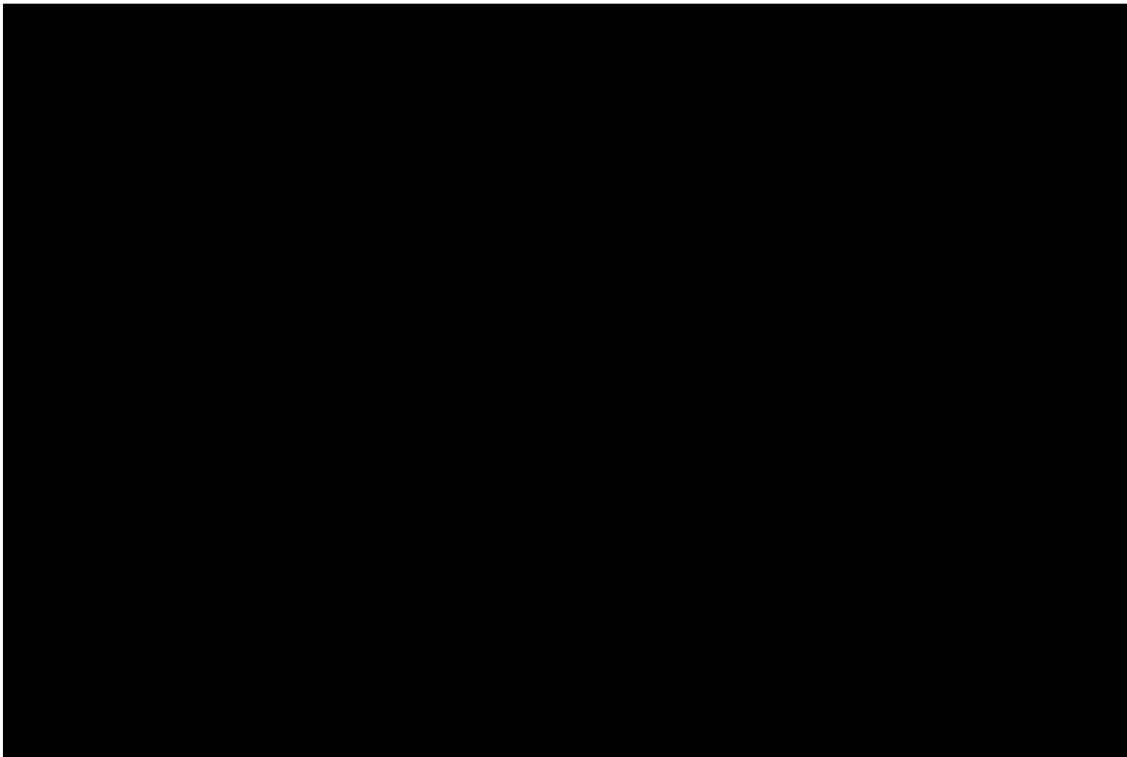
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Efforts to bring about a new meeting between Adoula and Tshombé, aimed at facilitating Katanga's reintegration with the Congo, have lately been overshadowed by preoccupation on the part of UN authorities with the establishment of a UN military presence in key towns of southern Katanga.

U Thant told [REDACTED] that the UN was obliged to carry out its resolutions concerning Katangan secession and the ouster of mercenaries. He contended that Tshombé had agreed to the sta-

tioning of UN forces in Jadotville, Kolwezi, and Kipushi, and that should he renege, it might be necessary for the UN to use force. Reports from the US Consulate in Elisabethville indicate that Tshombé has tended to qualify his commitments concerning UN moves to the three towns, and Tshombé may feel that he has concurred only in principle.

Western delegations in New York, [REDACTED] have sought to deter the UN from any precipitous move in southern Katanga. Reports from Jadotville

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and Kolwezi indicate that spirits among Tshombé's forces are generally high, and that in the absence of suitable psychological preparation, a UN move to occupy the three towns could trigger new fighting. Tshombé, on a recent trip to Jadotville and Kolwezi, reportedly raised with key tribal chiefs the possibility of UN troop movements in the area but did not obtain their concurrence.

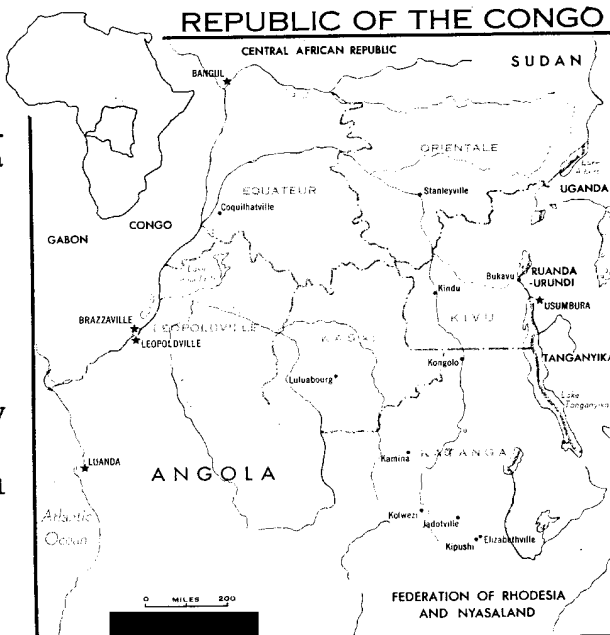
kept in the government and not be allowed to side with the opposition.

Recent movements of UN forces to the Elisabethville area have underscored security problems in Kivu and northern Katanga provinces. There continue to be reports of pillaging by Congolese Army bands only

Meanwhile, both Adoula and Tshombé appear agreed in principle on the desirability of a new conference aimed at ironing out differences which have arisen since their meeting at Kitona in December. Adoula, although critical of Tshombé's failure to implement the Kitona accords fully, has invited him to Leopoldville for further talks. Tshombé, on his part, has proposed a meeting at Kamina. Although Katangan leaders appear resigned to some degree of reintegration with the Congo, they have shown no inclination to accept the central government's primacy in such areas as control of the armed forces or fiscal policy. Katanga continues to issue its own currency, and Tshombé has yet to spell out a formula by which the central government would share in Katanga's mining revenues.

In Leopoldville, it is still unclear whether former Interior Minister Gbenye will accept his 12 February "promotion" by Adoula to a vice premiership. Western observers believe that in view of Gbenye's position as head of Lumumba's political faction, it is important for Adoula that Gbenye be

nominally responsive to General Lundula in Stanleyville. UN officials in Leopoldville fear that Lundula, who now appears attached to the central government, is faced with increasingly serious disciplinary problems, particularly in the Kindu area. Public order in Stanleyville has improved since Gizenga's departure, but the economic situation continues to deteriorate.



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